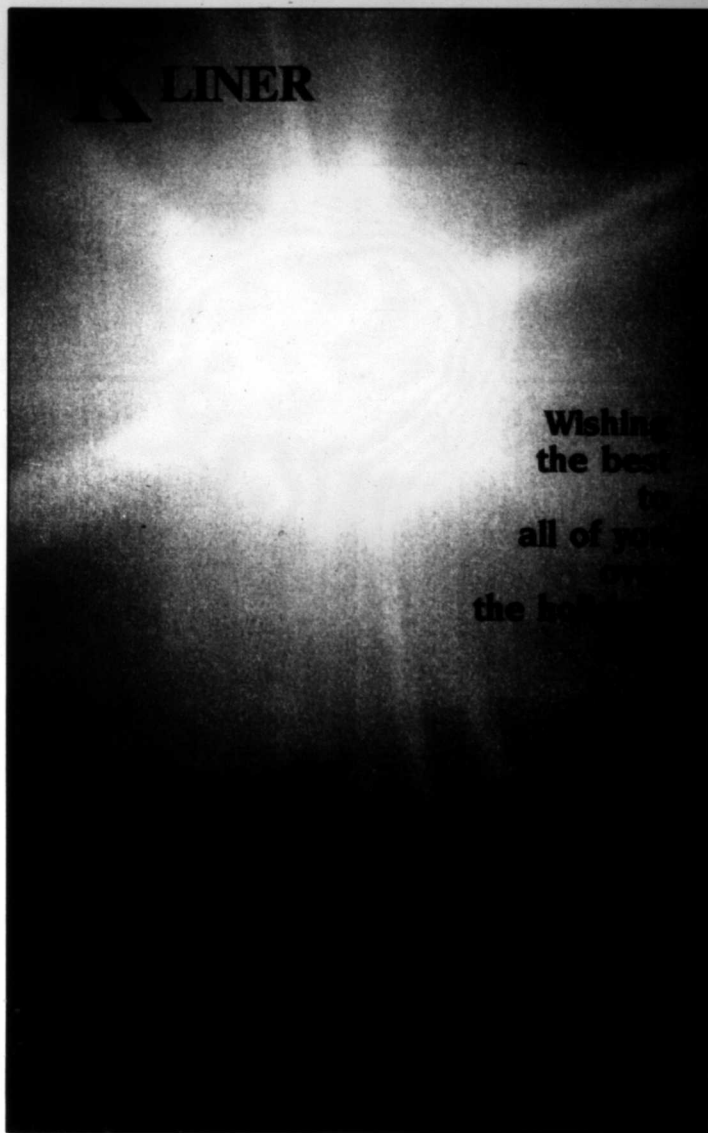
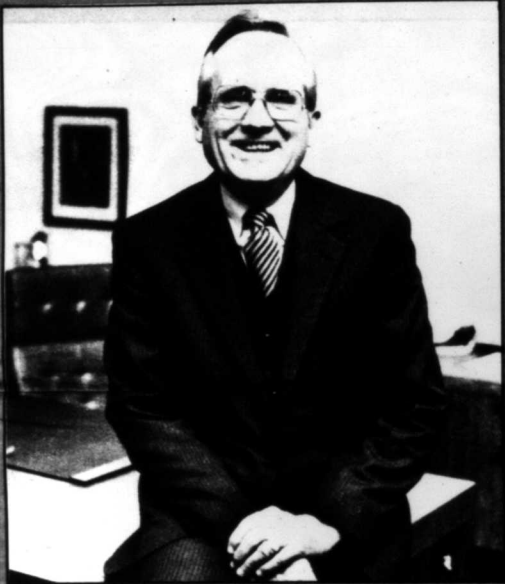


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SEASON'S GREETINGS



Holidays are times when candles
burn much brighter, carols linger in the air
hearts are feeling lighter.
A time for greeting folks,
for trees and holly wreaths
for wishing holiday cheer to the special people
around you.

May this holiday season bring
special joy for you now
and all year through.

B. M. Fauber

B. M. Fauber
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

S. G. Leftwich

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President and Chief Operating Officer

From the editor

This month is the holiday season and in this issue we've carried some seasonal articles as well as the regular news and features.

Last month Former Board Chairman H.B. Cunningham decided to take his retirement and reside in Florida. We wish him and his family an enjoyable retirement. Story below.

Also in this issue is Piffle the Clown alias Georgia Smith, Apparel Manager at K mart

7423, Logan, Utah whose "second profession" is making people smile.

Be sure to comment on this issue and tell us what you want to read about in 1983.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Virginia Burns

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Harry B.
Cunningham

Former Board Chairman Cunningham retires

Harry B. Cunningham, who was chairman and president of the S. S. Kresge Company during the developmental years of the K mart program, has retired from the K mart Corporation Board of Directors, Chairman Bernard M. Fauber announced on November 16, 1982.

Mr. Cunningham, 75, has been a director for 26 years. He was active on the executive, finance, nominating, and compensation and incentives committees of the board.

Noting that he is now three years beyond the normal mandatory retirement age for K mart directors, Mr. Cunningham said, "I was scheduled to retire at the annual stockholders' meeting next May. Though blessed with excellent health, I like the prospect of a Florida winter uninterrupted by frequent trips to Michigan."

"I have complete confidence in the current and future direction of K mart Corporation under the able leadership of Ben Fauber and his management team," he added. "My strong interest in the corporation and in all K mart people will be undiminished."

In a tribute delivered at the board meeting, Mr. Fauber said, "Mr. Cunningham has profound knowledge of the inner workings of the K mart Corporation. That insight has afforded this board with a priceless resource. The directors have been privileged to share the counsel of the architect of the K mart division."

Born in Home Camp, Pennsylvania, in 1907, Mr. Cunningham joined the S. S. Kresge Company (now K mart Corporation) in 1928. After 16 years in the stores and three years in Kresge's store operations department, he was named superintendent of stores in 1947.

Four years later, Mr. Cunningham became assistant sales director, and in 1953 he was promoted to sales director. He was elected a director in 1956 and general vice president the following year.

In 1959, he was elected president and chief executive officer, and he became chairman of the board in 1967.

Mr. Cunningham relinquished his posts as chairman and chief executive in 1972, when he became chairman of the executive and finance committees of the board. In 1973, he retired from those committee chairmanships and was elected honorary chairman of the board.

Make 'em smile . . . make 'em laugh

Georgia Smith, Apparel Manager at K mart 7423, Logan, Utah has two professions — that of managing the apparel area at 7423 and clowning around. That's right, clowning around, seriously, of course.

"Clowning is one of the oldest acting professions in the world," states Georgia. "I love children and this gives me the opportunity to make a child, be they rich or poor, smile." Piffle, the clown's name, is a late 19th century woman complete with pantaloons, bustle and high button shoes converted from a pair of army boots.

"My costume depicts the era of my theme," explains Georgia, a period of time in which she would have like to live. "Piffle also gives me an opportunity to express to people the day and time I wanted to live in . . ."

As an apparel manager, Georgia comes well equipped. She has degrees in textile arts from Utah State University and fashion merchandising from Tobe-Coburn in New York. As a clown she has four years of experience behind her, professionally, and finds that clowning brings rewards that are irresistibly fulfilling. "I can say things through clowning that I can't say any other way," says Georgia. "You really know that people love — that there's a beautiful world out there. There is nothing so great as the unconditional love of a little child who throws her arms around my neck, saying, 'Oh, Piffle, I love you.'"

Admitting to a lifelong interest in costuming, Georgia launched her career as a clown in a rather unlikely setting. She was serving in the Florida - Fort Lauderdale mission of the LDS church as a district leader at the time. Faced with the challenge of what to do over a three day holiday weekend, she hit upon the idea of dressing up the "whole district" as clowns to pay a visit to Cedars of Lebanon hospital in Miami.

Quite by accident, the clowns ended up on the TV news when an NBC crew, which happened to be in the hospital filming a visiting diplomat, caught their act.

Improving upon her act, Georgia enlisted the help of a few Barnum and Bailey clowns for instructions. "They instructed us quite a bit while we were in the mission field on our 'P' (preparation) days," she says.

By the time she left the mission to return to her home on July 18, 1979, Georgia had made up her mind to become a professional clown.

Now four years later, Georgia is registered with the Clowns of America, a professional



Piffle, alias Georgia Smith, apparel manager, cheers up kids at K mart 7423, Logan, Utah by making animal balloons.

clown association which maintains a registry of clowns who have complied with its guidelines. The association also sponsors an annual convention and publishes a trade magazine known as *Caliope*.

Among the requirements to gain registration with the national association is the development of a name, costume and theme. Georgia says the association recognizes three types of clowns — whitefaced, hobo and august (characterized only by painted large eyes and mouth).

Would-be clowns study make-up, costuming and even the ethics of clowning. Professional clowns learn the 17 commandments of clowning. One such rule is that the professional clown never sheds his or her role as a clown while in public. "The rules are not only designed to protect the integrity of clowns but to protect clowning as a profession," says Georgia.

How does one go about becoming a clown? There's only one true clown school says Georgia and that's the Barnum and Bailey circus. But you can learn by apprenticing yourself to an alley (local organizations within the association. The term alley refers to early circus days when the various groups in a circus parked their

traveling trailers to form alleys such as clown alley or performer's alley). Georgia belongs to Alley No. 72, in Salt Lake City, which was honored by receiving an invitation to the 4th of July Parade in Washington, D.C.

Within the association are various levels of clowning attainable by meeting specific requirements. She and Piffle have been one, so to speak, since 1979 and have attained the third level of serious clown business. "My goal is to make fifth level," says Georgia. Fifth level is to clowning as black belt is to karate.

But still at third level, Georgia is making people smile, making them laugh and who else would be the experts on making us smile but clowns. "That smile is important to me," she says. "Children will approach Piffle and say, 'I love you, Piffle' and they really do. A child will identify with one particular clown. A truly professional clown emanates love."

What does she hope her clowning will bring for her in the future? An invitation to participate in the 1983 Rose Parade in Pasadena, California.

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A life long search ends

*For the first time
in 57 years, she
may be joining her
family for the
holidays*

Looking over photos of her natural parents and sisters, Hermie Jones of Kresge 705, Houston, Texas dedicated most of her life to locating the family she was separated from 57 years ago.

For 29 years, 57-year-old Hermie Jones of Kresge 705, Houston, Texas had tried desperately to locate her natural parents who placed her in an orphanage in her birthplace of Innsbruck, Austria while she was still a baby.

Since 1953, Hermie had been writing periodically to the mayor of Innsbruck requesting help in finding out if her natural parents, Alois and Klara Holzer or any of the couple's six other children, were still alive and living in the old community.

Finally on May 11, the mayor mailed his first reply to her many letters. This one correspondence contained the information Hermie had waited so long to hear.

There living in the community she barely remembered, but which was her first home, is her mother Klara now 87. Unfortunately, Hermie has learned her mother is confined to a nursing home and is not coherent, barely aware of her surroundings.

The letter also explained her father died in 1964, she lost her only brother during World War II and a sister, who married an American soldier and reportedly had lived in Utah for a time, had not been heard from since 1964.

However, Hermie does have four living sisters, three of whom still live in Innsbruck and another in France.

As she read the letter containing the names and addresses of her only living relatives, Hermie's tears dotted the stationery.

"I was so excited, I just cried," she said.

Immediately, she began writing her sisters and mother. So far, Hermie has received letters, pictures and phone calls from only one sister, Gertrude Plattner, who lives in France with her husband. She has also learned she has at least two nieces and nephews.

While her reunion with at least one family member by mail and phone has been one of the most joyous occasions in her life, Hermie is still haunted by the question, why she, the third born of the Holzer's seven children, was sent away to an orphanage.

"To this day, I don't know why I went to the orphanage and none of the others did," Hermie said.

"I was told by my adopted parents that I was given up by my parents because I was born during a depression and they could not afford to feed me," she said.

Joseph and Marie Totschnig, who were childless, adopted Hermie in 1925 at the age of five months and moved her to their farm in south Austria.

There, the youngster worked from sunrise to sunset milking cows and doing other farming chores.

"I had a rough life growing up and I worked hard but I was brought up good and very straight," she said.

Hermie lived on the farm until after Mr. Totschnig's death in 1941 and her adopted mother's death in 1942.

At age 18, she set out on her own, landing

her first job as a housekeeper and nanny for an English family.

Her secondary education, or high school, was two years of training in caring for a house and family which proved valuable to her.

In 1953, she moved to England to work for a magistrate and his family. There she wrote her first letter to Innsbruck inquiring about her natural family, but heard nothing from city officials.

In 1957, the magistrate's family decided to move from their 22-room house to a smaller home, leaving Hermie without a job.

So with her life savings, she moved to Canada and took a job with Borden's Dairy Co. There she met future husband George Paul Jones, a native of Lovelady, Texas.

After a year of courting by mail, the two were married in October 1959. Shortly after her marriage, she tried once again to locate her family but failed. After this unsuccessful try, the couple moved to Houston, which they have made their home for the last 20 years.

About a year ago, one of Hermie's co-workers at Kresge where she has worked for the past 18 years, urged her to resume her search for her natural parents and siblings.

Hermie, whose English is still intertwined with a bit of an accent from her native German language, admits she and her sister have some difficulty talking on the phone because Mrs. Plattner still speaks primarily German, much of which Hermie has forgotten after more than 20 years in the United States.

"I have forgotten my own language," she said. "I can understand her, but it's very difficult to answer back."

The two tentatively are planning a Christmas reunion or summer reunion.

Although she longs to see her sister and be close to a family from which she was estranged for almost 57 years, she doesn't really want to return to Austria.

"I'm very thankful for all I've accomplished in the United States," she said. More important Hermie added, "I like it here."

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What Do You Think?

Let's hear what you have to say about this issue and what your ideas are for upcoming issues, starting with the new year, 1983.

Articles or items I found interesting or newsworthy were: _____

Articles I felt were uninteresting: _____

Additional comments? _____

Return to: Virginia Burns, Editor

Insight

Celebrating the holiday around the world

Some of our store reporters became curious about how other countries celebrate the holiday season and this is what they found:

"As I walked through the shopping centers just before Thanksgiving, the stores were setting up their Christmas decorations and the songs of the season were being played," says Sheri Hathaway of K mart 4083, Flint, Michigan.

"How could they do that when we hadn't even given thanks for the things we are fortunate to have?"

"It wasn't too long ago when my heart beat a little faster, the twinkle in my eye was brighter and the cold wind seemed like a gentle breeze as I held my mother's hand to see Santa.

"Now as I see the crowded stores and hurried shoppers, I wonder what happened to the real Christmas of long ago.

"I had a talk with my grandmother and asked her what Christmas was like when she was a young girl. This is her story.

"Grandma was born in Holland in 1886 and came to America when she was five years old. She came from a large family and learned to be thankful for the smallest gift.

"The family and relatives started preparing for Christmas a few days after Thanksgiving. Cookies were baked, decorations were made from the simplest of things like pine cones, acorns, dried berries and material left over from her mother's sewing.

"The gifts were homemade. They were crafted with love and as secretly as possible. The hard part of the whole thing was finding a place to hide them until they were finished and wrapped.

"The girls of the family learned to sew and knit at a very early age. On her thirteenth Christmas, Grandma woke early to start breakfast and as she passed the tree, she noticed a very large present that hadn't been there when she retired. She stepped closer and looked at the name tag — it was for her?

"She was so excited, she fixed breakfast in a few minutes. She could hardly wait for the great moment. When it finally came, she felt every eye in the room on her and her gift.

"She gently removed the wrapping and as her eyes beheld the gift, tears slowly appeared.

"It was a quilting frame that her uncle and father had made by hand. She had always wanted one, but never really thought her wish would come true."

Christmas in Yugoslavia, England, Latvia

Sonja Kavedzic of K mart 3286, Brunswick, Ohio, and her family came to America in 1973 from Novi Sad, Yugoslavia. She loves everything about Christmas in America, which is celebrated quite differently than in her country.

In Yugoslavia the cities and towns aren't decorated with pretty decorations. On Christmas Eve they decorate their tree with candy. They don't give presents as we know it, rather they have fruit and candy.

Sonja also adds that she likes the 7 to 10 days vacation from school in America better than the 1 or 2 days off from school in Yugoslavia.

Mary Robertson also of 3286 was born in Halifax, England. Christmas is traditionally the same in both countries, with only a few differences. On Christmas Eve, Mom and Dad put sixpences in the plum pudding. Letters to Santa are put up the chimney. The children also get a cracker that you pull apart and small toys and a party hat are inside.

Ilze Fultz of 3286 was born in Madliena, Latvia. One custom she brought back to this country is that on-Christmas Eve she bakes a Christmas bread. The bread is eaten on Christmas and is believed to bring you good luck throughout the year.

Store Reporter James Blankenship

Season greetings from the Philippines

When everyone is celebrating a white Christmas in the heart of the Midwest, in the Philippines the palm trees are blowing gently in the tropical winds according to Corazon Hidalgo Burch of K mart 7214, Winona, Minnesota. Only in early morning or evening will it become cool enough to wear a sweater.

There are hundreds of islands that form the country of the Philippines. The Philippine Islands are located some seven thousand miles west of North America.

At Christmas we also celebrate the birth of Christ, and visit friends and family.

Most everyone in the Philippines are of the catholic faith. The Christmas celebration begins on December 16th, that is when Auginaldo Mass starts. Early masses are held everywhere, and are climaxed on December 24th by an elaborate midnight service.

In my province of La Union on the Island of Luzon, which is the most northern party of the Philippines main island, youngsters sing Christmas carols about town. The dressmakers are very busy at this time of the year because for many it is the time to change the old wardrobe for something new. I remember when I was a little girl, I would stay up late to help my Aunt do the sewing. I often did the hemming, button holes, and sewed the buttons on the new dresses she made.

We also have pine trees in the Philippines, but very few, and it is illegal to cut them. So we try to find a tree with many branches and then we cut just one branch from it. We put the branch into a stand of some kind, and then we wrap green crepe paper all over the branches of it. We try to make the tree look like it has snow on it. We soak a white bar of soap in water, and we stir it to make rich suds. The suds are then sprinkled all over the tree, and when the suds are dry it looks as white as snow, at least we imagine it to be so. Many people are busy making decorations for the Christmas tree.

Many people in the Philippines make a very popular Christmas decoration out of bamboo, into the shape of a star, it is wrapped with red and white tissue with silver trimmings. The stars are often like a lantern with a light bulb or a candle inside the three dimensional star. These stars hang in almost every home. Often times the stars have long streamers hanging from them, and some stars are hung over nativity scenes fashioned from rice stalks. The figures in the nativity scenes are usually bought, and made of ceramic material.

On Christmas eve there is usually a party while everyone waits for the midnight mass to

start. The churches are beautifully decorated, with the manger scene, wreaths on the walls, stars hanging from ceilings, and from plum trees.

On Christmas day many friends, neighbors, and relatives get together to share dinner. We usually have a roast pig (lechon) roasted over live coals, various cooked vegetables, fruits, and rice cake (suman), which are wrapped in coconut or banana leaves. We also serve coffee, tea, and chocolate milk at this abundant Christmas dinner.

Christmas is also the time for the children to go to their godparent's home to pay their respects. The children show their respect by kissing their godparent's hand, wishing them a merry Christmas, and exchanging gifts. The children usually receive clothing or money which makes them very happy.

It really is a special time in the Philippines during Christmas and with the weather average of upper fifties to seventies, it is very different from a Midwest Christmas. Though I miss the Christmas season, family, and friends in the Philippines, so I would also miss the snow and the fresh scent of the pine trees of the West, I will admit.

Store Reporter Jeannie Schick

How to create a braided Christmas rope

Bookkeeper Judy Basic of K mart 3124, Corona, California, gives demonstrations on how to make a perfect decoration with ease. All of the materials can be purchased at K mart, to make a braided christmas rope.



Judy Basic of 3124 and her Christmas rope

You will need:

- 1 skein heavy rug yarn (red)
- Plastic cafe-curtain ring (3/4")
- Size E crochet hook
- small amounts of Sayelle yarn (red, green or white)
- 3 candy canes

ROPE

Roll rug yarn into a ball. Measure out 20 two yard pieces of yarn. Fold in half and slide the ring up one side to the middle. Tie with a small piece of yarn under ring and around the tip of the rope. Divide evenly into three sections and braid loosely to within four inches of the bottom. Tie bottom with another small piece of yarn. Trim tassel evenly.

WREATH - red, green or white yarn (crocheting)

Chain 12; join to form circle. Chain 3, double crochet 23 times in circle; join with slip stitch to top of chain 3. Chain 3, skip 1

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*In the mail***Customer letters**

K mart 7085 — Salem, VA — Manager S.E. Riser, Asst. Mgr. R. Warren and Staff.

It is a pleasure for me to write this letter addressing the performance of two of your employees. I live just west of Salem, Virginia and the closest K mart store is located in the city of Salem. As my family and I are frequently required to relocate and often confronted with the problem of determining the best store to deal with in each new location, we were happy to find that K mart had a store in Salem.

Now, after numerous and frequent dealings with this store, I am pleased to pass on that the two gentlemen you have managing this business have clearly outdone all past K mart managers I have had the pleasure of dealing with.

Mr. Robert Warren and Mr. Steve Riser have done exceptionally well. Since the majority of the household items I purchased over the past year have come from K mart, I have also had numerous discussions with these two gentlemen when items had to be returned or I had questions dealing with availability or quality of merchandise.

Despite the inherent complexities of dealing with the public and managing a K mart store, your managers have delivered with ease and made it all look easy. Most assuredly, the demonstrated initiative of Mr. Warren and Mr. Riser in working customer related activities is worthy of emulation by their peers throughout the K mart organization. Please accept my appreciation for their professionally executed team effort of which K mart's executive management can be justifiably proud.

K mart 3111 — Englewood, OH — Employee Donna Vane.

I am writing to compliment and commend one of your employees from the K mart store located in Englewood, Ohio.

The employee's name is Donna Vane and she works in the camera department. I learned later that she was the supervisor in that department.

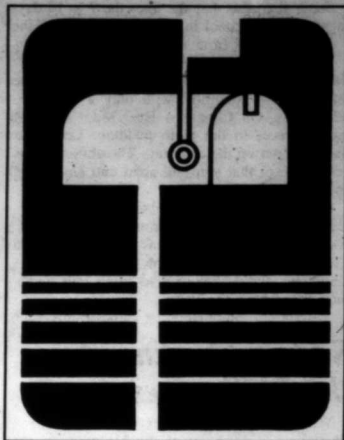
Recently, I was having some copy prints made from a photograph. The photograph was black and white and I was having some difficulties getting the pictures back that were acceptable. After several weeks, I was becoming very disgusted and almost vowed that I would never take pictures back to K mart for developing or anything else.

It was then that I met Ms. Vane. When she realized my situation, she literally bent over backwards and then some to correct my problem. She was on the phone calling and checking until she could find the problem. She was so considerate and helpful that I nearly forgot the original problem. She was truly a credit to your corporation.

Problems are sure to arise in any company of any size and in any department. But when you do have a problem, it is sure nice to know that there is someone like Ms. Vane to help straighten it out for you.

As a direct result of Ms. Vane's concern and hard work to satisfy this customer, I took my next roll of film back to K mart for developing. At least there I know that if I do have a problem, someone cares enough to do something to help.

Again, my highest praise to Donna Vane for a job well done.



K mart 7063 — Morristown, TN — Employee Mrs. Irene Purkey.

I am pleased and happy to write this letter of thanks for your K mart store in Morristown Tennessee. I have been redecorating my whole home so I purchased bedspread, curtains, linens, lamps, shower curtain, rugs for bathroom and am very happy with all of them, but I really appreciated the help in selecting these items, the courtesy shown me by Mrs. Irene Purkey. Also the cheerfulness by which all the clerks show to customers. It makes you feel fine to be in a happy atmosphere.

Thanks again — a satisfied customer.

K mart 7443 — N. Wales, PA — Manager R. J. Plasket.

This letter is long overdue, however, I feel that it must be written. On Feb. 5, 1982, my 9-month old daughter needed emergency open heart surgery. I rushed from store to store before we left for Boston (where the surgery was to be performed) getting supplies for the trip. My final stop was the K mart store 7443 at Airport square in North Wales, PA. At that store I bought cosmetics, toys and pajamas for the hospital (K mart carried the only P.J.'s that snapped down the front a dire necessity in our case) I didn't have enough cash and needed to write a check. After informing the manager of my situation, he allowed me to write the check, saving me much frustration. This manager should be commended by your organization for having the sensitivity to understand our situation and help us. Too often today, people are mindless and uncaring when it comes to the needs of others — this gentleman was not, and my family and I are truly grateful to him for alleviating our already anxious state of mind. I enclose the xeroxed back of our check — perhaps you can recover the name of this manager for us. We would like to thank him in person and feel that K mart Corporation owes him their thanks for helping a customer in need. By the way, our Kate had her surgery, is now 17 months old, and doing beautifully. Many thanks have gone out to those friends and relatives who helped us through this difficult time.

Whoever the manager was at store 7443 on Sunday, January 31, 1982 also has our gratitude. His deed may seem small but it surely saved us from further anxiety in an already tense situation.

K mart 3549 — Seminole, FL — Assistant Manager Brian Gleason.

I wish to tell you of the great help that Brian Gleason was to my husband. On Sunday your store advertised that they had a 3 tier hanging basket for sale at \$3. I sent my husband for it and he looked all over the store and could not find it. He asked several employees for it and they were of no help. He came home and I called the store and they said yes they did have them so I sent my husband and again he still could not find it. He came home and called the store and got your assistant manager and he asked him about it. He said they were in the hardware department and told me to come down to the store and an employee (Brian Gleason) would hold one for me. I want to thank Mr. Gleason for his help. He went out of his way to please a customer. In this day it is hard to find an employee who is so helpful. Thank you very much.

K mart 3105 — Sterling, IL — Staff.

I very recently had the extreme pleasure of dealing with your auto service department at your store in Sterling, Illinois. I'd like to inform you that it was a very rewarding experience. Your employees there were the most courteous and kind people I've had the pleasure to conduct business with in the automotive field.

K mart 7108 — Attleboro Falls, MA — Employee Jean Nicholson.

Our club is a state chartered and well organized group of over one hundred members who represent some twenty towns and cities of Rhode Island and Southeastern Massachusetts. We are a touring group which travels extensively throughout the United States and Canada as well as engaging in various state and community activities. I am writing to you in acknowledgement and appreciation of the extremely courteous and professional service that we received recently at your store from employee Jean Nicholson.

My 20 years of personal involvement in retail management make me keenly aware of the importance and value of good employees. We want you and your company to know that people like Jean Nicholson make shopping at K mart a pleasant experience.

We look forward to patronizing K mart for both our individual and club needs in the future.

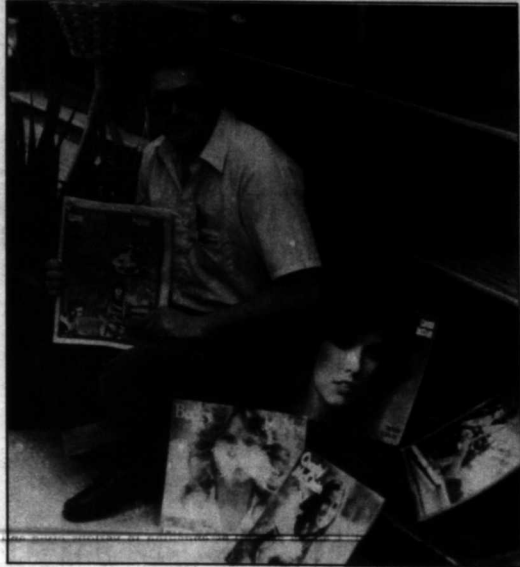
K mart 4276 — Toledo, OH — Employee William Foley.

I've wanted to write for sometime, but never seem to find time.

I would like you to know that you have a "gem" working at your store on Reynolds Rd. in Toledo. His name is William Foley. He is always so pleasant and helpful. He goes out of his way to try to please you. In these times that is a very rare quality. I wish all your employees were that nice.

K mart is one of my favorite stores.

Store News this month carries articles from all regions on Halloween get-ups, veteran customers, visiting celebrities and of course employees like John Clark, stockroom lead person at K mart 9610, Harlan, Kentucky, who recently tested his journalistic skills and submitted stories of the *Gold Mine* on two country music singers and not only got them published but received a byline. And guess who was a beautiful baby and won \$15 for it — Greg Egert from K mart 7409, Topeka, Kansas.



John Clark, holding the magazine the Gold Mine which made him an author by publishing his two articles on country singers Becky Hobbs and Charley McClain.

Faithful reader becomes published writer

We at K mart 9610 in Harlan, Kentucky (Central Region) are proud to report we have our own "resident celebrity" among the staff. John Clark, stockroom lead person, has achieved a milestone in his life. John who was born and raised in Detroit, Michigan has been a country music fan since childhood. His interest led to collecting and following the works of various country music performers. John usually preferred watching those who were new to country music scenes which is how his new-found talent was born. By attending concerts of two female country artists, Becky Hobbs and Charly McClain, John became acquainted with the pair and even developed a friendship that includes regular written correspondence with the two stars.

All these factors led John to attempt what I'm sure he

thought was the impossible. He had been a subscriber to the nationally known magazine the *Gold Mine* for several years; reading it faithfully, but leaving it at that. Then he decided to try out his own journalistic skills by submitting two articles to the magazine. The first was a look at Becky Hobbs and her up and rising career and the second was a profile on Charley McClain, an already popular country singer.

He received a letter from the *Gold Mine* headquarters notifying him that they had chosen for publication his article on Becky Hobbs and congratulating him on his effort. As if this success was not enough for John, when he opened the September issue not one but both of his articles had been printed and both with the heading, written by J. Mark Clark in bold letters!

John plans to submit other stories to the magazine after doing research on some of his other favorite artists. We at 9610 are sure proud of him and wish him future success.

Store Reporter Lisa Fee

State champions keep mom busy

As Jean Brosmer of K mart 7506, Newburgh, Indiana (Central Region) checks out customers, some may notice the hoarseness in her cheerful voice. Others may be curious about the buttons pinned to her green smock that proclaim, "My knight is No. 27" and "My knight is No. 30." But most customers and employees of 7506 know that the hoarseness and buttons are symbols of loyalty and pride for her sons Dave and Chris, two outstanding running backs for the Castle High Football team who captured the 1982 IHSAA Class AAA State Championship recently.

The Brosmer brothers scored all four touchdowns against Hobart High School to lead the Knights to a 26-23 victory and a first-ever state championship.

With ecstasy still rampant the day after the game, Jean exclaimed in a voice strained from cheering, "I was very nervous. I was so scared that they (Hobart) were going to catch up. There was just a three point difference and a field goal would have tied it up."

"It's unbelievable," she added, "I'm very, very proud of them."

With a dynamic football season over now, statistics showed that 18-year-old Dave led all Southern Indiana players in scoring with 174 points. During the season he rushed for 1,146 yards, caught 25 passes and grabbed five interceptions. Seventeen-year-old Chris took credit for 11 touchdowns, 884 yards rushed and eight passes caught.

Jean attributed her son's success to their discipline along with the fact that they've played football since fourth grade. "They practice and work hard," she said. "They have a natural ability, but I can't take credit for that. That's all theirs."

Jean can take credit for maintaining an extremely hectic life. She juggles part time employment, football games and other sports, a husband and three children besides Dave and Chris and any family crisis that might arise.

One such crisis was major back surgery for Dave this past January. After he played an important role in leading Castle to semistate last year, he faced the prospect of not playing this season, which was his senior year. But the surgery proved successful and Dave bounced back. Chris too has undergone surgery on his knee. With a sign

of relief Jean pointed out that neither surgery was the result of a football injury.

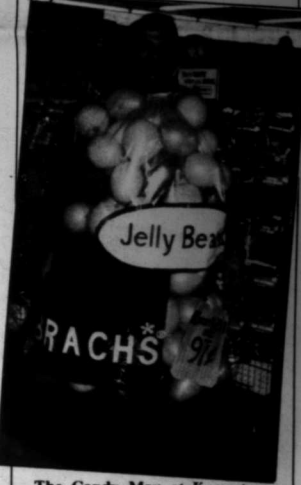
From their mother's viewpoint, Jean sees little sibling rivalry, but more support for one another between her sons. She said they're very much alike because there is less than 11 months difference in their ages. "I've sometimes felt like I have a set of twins," she said with a laugh. She pointed out their main likeness is discipline and their main difference is Dave's even tempered while Chris is quick-tempered.

The difficulty will come next year when "the twins" split up and Dave leaves for college. He is hoping for a scholarship to Indiana University and plans to study medicine.

Chris will continue to contribute his talents to the Castle Knights and Jean is anticipating a repeat performance of this year.

She joked about the possibility that she could be attending Chris' games one night and hopping in the car to be at Dave's the next day. Jean is living proof that being a fan of state champions is easy, but being a mother too makes it a bit more complicated.

Store Reporter Shannon Hopper



The Candy Man at K mart 9094, Wooster, Ohio is none other than Store Manager Don DeMara who came as one big bag of jelly beans to the store's Halloween party recently. An artist made the Jelly Bean bag and Manager DeMara filled it with colorful balloons.

If you had one wish .

If you had one wish in the world, what would you wish for? A million dollars, a brand new car, a diamond ring, a house on the hill. How about a wish that the pain would just go away?

K mart 3561, Bensalem, Pennsylvania (Eastern Region) is trying to do just that for a little boy by the name of Jamie. You see, Jamie suffers from a rare skin disease. His entire body is covered with abrasions that are similar to the marks left on a severe burn victim.

Each morning, Jamie's mother must soak him for hours, because his clothes stick to his skin overnight while he sleeps. Pain is a natural lifestyle to Jamie, because he was stricken with this insufferable disease since birth.

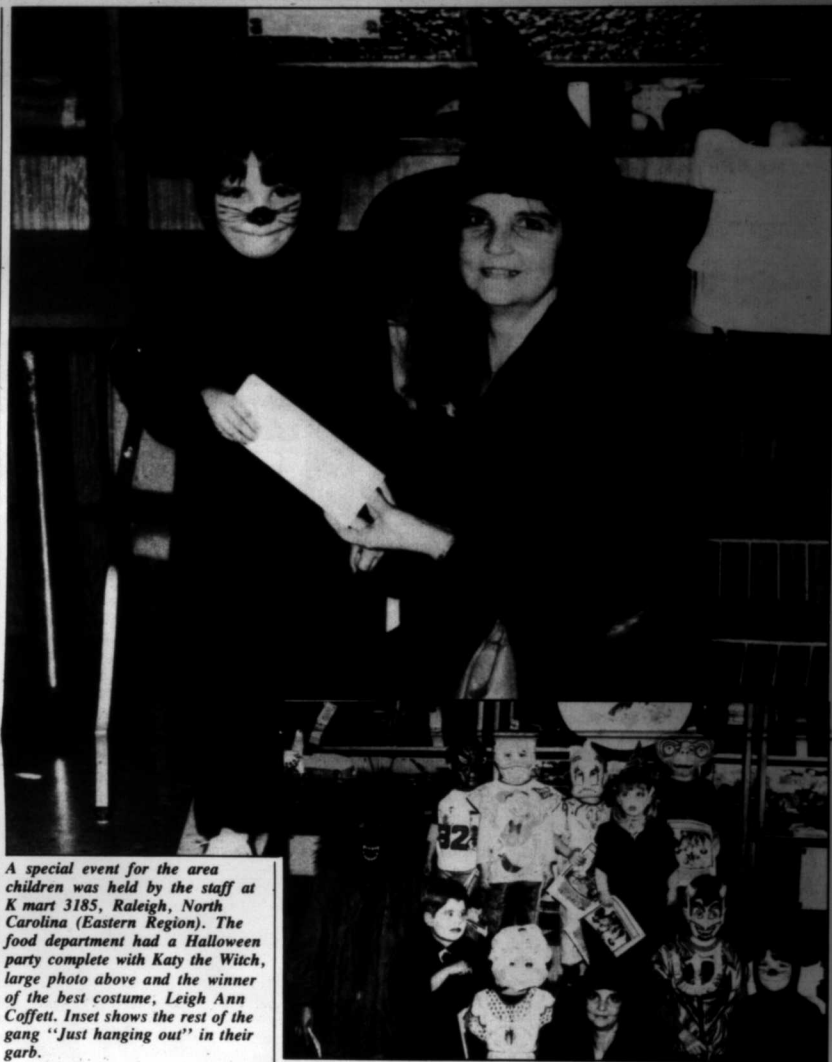
The only person that can help Jamie is a doctor located in Germany and the only hope to save him is the support of people who care.

Since Jamie's parents cannot meet the requirements of such medical attention needed to cure him, a foundation has been formed to help sent Jamie to Germany.

Co-manager Steven Havy and Personnel Manager Marie Daley were able to collect from the staff at 3561 \$100 to be donated towards the foundation.

There are millions of diseases that are spread throughout the nation. So please, take a minute of your time to say a little prayer for Jamie and to all other unfortunate people who are not as lucky as we are.

Store Reporter Donna Capecci



A special event for the area children was held by the staff at K mart 3185, Raleigh, North Carolina (Eastern Region). The food department had a Halloween party complete with Katy the Witch, large photo above and the winner of the best costume, Leigh Ann Coffett. Inset shows the rest of the gang "Just hanging out" in their garb.

You've got that cutest little baby face . . .

When it comes to the unusual, K mart 7409, Topeka, Kansas (Midwest Region) takes the cake. At one of their monthly birthday breakfasts all employees were told to bring in a baby picture of themselves, toss away their pride and hang it up for employees to choose the best. Greg Egert, right (many years ago), was the winner and received \$15 for his "au natural self portrait."

Store Reporter Brenda Guerreo



Greg Egert, back when . . .



Aldo, Aldo! Aldo Cella of Cella wine clowning with Store Manager Hank Dende of K mart 3021, Auburn, Maine (Eastern Region). According to Store Reporter Marjorie Luce he drove up in a cadillac limo with flying white and red lettered Aldo banners and proceeded to the wine display to sign bottles of Cella with "Ciao, love Aldo."



Charlie Williams, left, minding the carts.

Shopping 7021 is part of his routine

Customers like Charlie Williams are precious. For the last two years, 72-year-old Charlie has faithfully shopped K mart 7021, Cape Girardeau, Missouri (Midwest Region). It's part of his routine.

Since receiving a pacemaker, Charlie needs exercise and has found just the place to do it. Every Friday like clockwork, he comes to 7021, collects the shopping carts out in the parking lot and brings them in, buys a Snickers and continues making sure that all of the carts up front are lined up and out of the way of the customers.

Store Reporter Kim Langston



Need help moving freight on Dollar Days? The staff at K mart 9558, Harrisburg, Illinois (Midwest Region) found it. Nine thousand, eight hundred pounds of it. Left to right, Elephant trainer Cheyenne from the Carson Barnes Circus, shipping and receiving manager Eadie Tarrant employees John Potts, Mary Martin, Janet Dutton and Barb Lee pose with their wunderkind Susie, who became 9558's receiving clerk.

The old country store on wheels

Employees of K mart 9075, Beeville, Texas (Southern Region) took second place out of 19 entries in the commercial category for their float, right of a country store in the 1982 Beeville Western Week Parade. 9075 has just been opened for three years and this is the first year for the employees to enter a float which they designed, built and decorated all during their off time.

The theme of the float was a country store, equipped with antique items collected from the homes of Beeville as employees dressed up in appropriate costumes to complete the country picture.

Store Reporter L. Matthas



Second place winner in the Beeville Western Week Parade, 9075 takes their float depicting a country store down through the town of Beeville. On your far left is Store Manager Brad Williams pulling the float with a Blue Light attached to his car.



A Motley Crew at K mart 9633, Dickson, Tennessee (Southern Region). The staff not only enjoyed a Halloween party, but some of the employees who are Jaycees will take approximately 100 underprivileged children in the community and make sure they have a Christmas. The Jaycees raise funds throughout the year to provide these children with a Christmas. Around \$1,500 was spent at 9633 last year and they hope to reach that figure this year.

Freue Weinachten

Brigitte Prall of K mart 3310, Longmont, Colorado (Western Region) says she remembers what Christmas is like in Germany, her homeland. St. Nicholas brings gifts of cookies, candy and fruit to German children who have put out a shoe in the window to be filled on December 5, the eve of his feast day. Christmas trees are decorated by the parents and shown as a surprise to the rest of the family following church services on Christmas Eve. Christmas delicacies include potato salad and knackwurst along with hot spiced tea with Vermouth. Christmas day dinner consists of roast duck or goose, potato dumplings and red cabbage.

Store Reporter Margo Warren



Wedding bells will soon be ringing for Pharmacist Dan Baker at K mart 7017, Roswell, New Mexico (Western Region). After popping the big question by writing it on his fiance driveway, Dan received her answer on an ad-lib sign parked in front of 7017. Quite a subtle gesture . . .

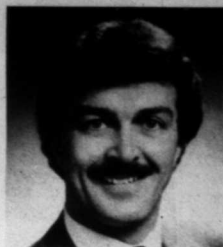
Executive promotions



Ronald L. Buch has been promoted to Divisional Merchandise Manager of Department No. 46 — Men's and Boys' Furnishings.

Mr. Buch

joined K mart in 1950. After managing several Kresge and K mart stores, he served as a District Manager of the Central Region, was promoted to Buyer, then Senior Buyer at KIH. After serving as General Merchandise Manager for Softline Departments at Daiei Incorporated in Japan in 1980, he returned to KIH as Senior Buyer of Men's and Boys' Furnishings in 1982.



Michael R. McClure has been promoted to Director of "Media-Momentum" our new "in house" advertising agency. Mr. McClure has been employed by

K mart since 1967 when he started as Advertising Co-ordinator for the Denver, Colorado stores. He continued in his position at K mart 4131 Englewood and K mart 4187 Denver.

In 1968, he was promoted to Assistant to Director of Advertising, then to Roto-gravure Distribution Manager, and Advertising Manager, Roto, Broadcast, Magazines — Softlines — K3 Departments.



Robert A. Mulligan has been promoted to K mart Apparel, Sales Operation and Advertising Manager.

Mr. Mulligan started with K mart in 1953.

After managing several Kresge and K mart stores as well as serving as a District Manager of the Eastern Region, Mr. Mulligan was promoted to Director of Operations, Group 9 Stores at KIH. In 1979 he was appointed to Sales Promotion Manager, and in 1981 to his present position as Director of Promotional Stores.



Thomas M. McGilligan has been appointed to Manager — Merchandise Information.

Mr. McGilligan started with K mart in 1967 as Advertising Manager

at K mart 4218 Appleton, Wisconsin. In 1969, he was promoted to Chicago Area Advertising Coordinator at K mart 4214 Des Plaines, Illinois. Then he was promoted to Regional Advertising Manager of the Midwestern Region, then Co-op Advertising Coordinator at KIH, in August, Broadcast and Magazine Advertising Manager.



Michael W. Moors has been promoted to Advertising Manager, Roto Distribution and Television.

Mr. Moors joined K mart in 1968 as Advertising Manager

at K mart 4187 Denver, Colorado. In 1972, he was promoted to Advertising Manager at K mart 4200 Buena Park, CA.

In 1975, he was then Regional Advertising Manager in the Western Region.



John H. Haller has been promoted to Merchandise Manager, Departments 28-30-46, National Brand and Designer Merchandise. Mr. Haller will work

out of the K mart Apparel Offices in North Bergen, New Jersey.

Mr. Haller joined K mart in 1947. After managing several Kresge and K mart stores as well as serving as District Manager of the Central Region in 1964, he was then promoted to Buyer and then Senior Buyer at KIH. Since that time he has served as Divisional Merchandise Manager of Divisions II and III, and his present position of Divisional Merchandise Manager of Department 46 — Men's and Boys' Furnishings.



Donald E. Metz has been promoted to Merchandise Coordinator, Departments 28-30-46, National Brand and Designer Merchandise. Mr. Metz will

work in conjunction with Mr. Haller out of the K mart Apparel Offices in North Bergen, New Jersey.

Mr. Metz joined K mart in 1960. After managing several Kresge, Jupiter and K mart stores as well as serving as District Manager in both Central and Midwestern Regions, he came to KIH as Jupiter Merchandise and Operations Manager. Since that time he was promoted to Buyer and to Advertising Coordinator of Softline Departments. In 1982, Mr. Metz was promoted to his present position of K mart Apparel Sales Promotion and Advertising Manager.

First unit to carry name brand items opens

Several months ago K mart began testing apparel assortments in six K mart stores that included up to 50% designer and national brand merchandise. The test included the clothing departments of women, girls, men, boys, infants and fashion accessories.

The move was an attempt to refine all K mart apparel mixes by increasing the emphasis on brand name items.

Just recently K mart opened Designer Depot, the first unit to carry these items, located in St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Manager of the prototype store is former co-manager of K mart 3191, Union Lake, Michigan, John E. Rutherford, a 16-year veteran of K mart.

Designer Depot will offer clothing and accessories for the entire family at a savings of 30% to 70% off manufacturers' suggested prices. Mr. Fauber explained that "favorable results from the Jonathan Logan program is 400 K mart stores and from other name brand apparel lines are evidence that today's shopper is looking for quality commonly associated with name brands at the lowest possible prices."

"Our current activities in softlines will help to align that section of our stores with our appliance and other hard goods areas, in which K mart has long been identified as a leading retailer of name brands."

K mart plans to introduce a significant number of upgraded apparel departments to K mart stores in 1983, with proportions of prestige-brand apparel ranging from 15 to 50%.

No plans have been announced for the expansion of Designer Depot; however, Mr. Fauber said K mart could begin as early as next year to open more off-price apparel specialty stores, initially in large markets where income levels indicate the potential to support such a venture.



Arthur J. Messina has been promoted to Layout and Advertising Coordinator of Home Improvement Centers.

Mr. Messina started with

K mart in 1969. In 1971, he was promoted to his present position of Hardware and Building Supply District Manager in the Western Region.

Anniversaries



James D. Carile
KIH, Troy, MI
40 Years.



Albert S. Martin
K mart 3987, Cincinnati, OH
40 Years.



Phyllis E. Schaub
K mart 4418, Southington, CT
40 Years.



Wallace W. Hawkins
K mart 4001, Pontiac, MI
35 Years.



Bernice E. Hunter
KIH, Troy, MI
35 Years.



Dorothy M. Twaddell
Jupiter 4546, Moline, IL
35 Years.



Vernell J. Knott
Jupiter 4546, Moline, IL
30 Years.



Alexander R. McCall
EBRO, East Brunswick, NJ
30 Years.



Helen M. Wade
KIH, Troy, MI
30 Years.



Jack M. Wilson
FWDC, Fort Wayne, IN
30 Years.



Michael G. Gebwind
K mart 3008, Marquette, MI
25 Years.



William Martin
K mart 4034, Mattdale, NY
25 Years.



Mary B. St. Louis
K mart 4077, Lexington, KY
25 Years.



Joan M. Rivers
K mart 5274, Greenwich, NY
25 Years.



Nellie M. Brown
K mart 4077, Lexington, KY
25 Years.



Florence L. Craig
K mart 4031, Bloomington, IL
25 Years.



Margaret A. Cain
K mart 4031, Bloomington, IL
25 Years.



Clarence Vineyard, Jr.
K mart 4031, Bloomington, IL
25 Years.

Madeline H. Vasold, Kmart 414, Essex, MD, 45 Years.
Roxie Anant, K mart 4331, Pontiac, MI, 40 Years.
Eleanor M. DeVicio, K mart 3149, Broomell, PA, 35 Years.
Eleanor M. Rupert, K mart 4059, Taylor, MI, 35 Years.
John H. Dombrowski, K mart 7022, Corvallis, MI, 30 Years.
John H. Larson, K mart 3106, Riverside, CA, 30 Years.
Donald E. Rosteny, K mart 4390, Columbus, MO, 30 Years.
Jack A. Forsell, K mart 3247, Maple Heights, OH, 25 Years.
Aimee R. Foster, Kmart 415, Roseville, MI, 25 Years.
William W. Gibson, K mart 7379, Fresno, CA, 25 Years.
Moesine D. Winfree, Kmart 391, Charleston, WV, 25 Years.

In memoriam

Nicholas Costel, on June 21, from K mart 4055, Pittsburgh, PA. He lived in West Mifflin.
Joseph E. Creech, on May 7, from K mart 5283, Live Oak, FL. He lived in Silver Springs.
Lewin M. Currie, on July 8, from K mart 3038, N. Charleston, SC. He lived in Charleston.
Elnora Duncan, on July 28, from Kmart 438, Philadelphia, PA. She lived in Philadelphia.
Dorothy Ely, on July 18, from K mart 3068, St. Charles, MO. She lived in St. Charles.
Leo Fuller, Jr., on July 3, from FWDC, Fort Wayne, IN. He lived in Fort Wayne.
Gary W. Harkness, on June 10, from K mart 4306, Dallas, TX. He lived in Nacogoches.
Ruby Harper, on July 4, from K mart 4335, Kannapolis, NC. She lived in Concord.
Mary L. Hayes, on July 28, from K mart 4058, Springfield, IL. She lived in Springfield.
Barbara A. Hoge, on June 29, from K mart 7319, Akron, OH. She lived in Mogodon.
Norma Largent, on August 1, from K mart 4431, Richmond, IN. She lived in Richmond.
Myrtle Lightfield, on August 2, from K mart 4355, St. Petersburg, FL. She lived in Pinellas Park.
Patricia G. McKeel, on June 13, from K mart 4280, Springfield, MO. She lived in Springfield.
Elizabeth Miller, on July 6, from Kmart 126, Philadelphia, PA. She lived in North Cape May, NJ.

Josie Miller, on July 20, from Kmart 58, St. Joseph, MO. She lived in Union Star.
Lorrie Moore, on June 28, from K mart 7154, Carrollton, GA. She lived in Carrollton.
Jonathan Thomas Nugent, on July 18, from KIH, Troy, MI. He lived in Rochester.
Joan M. Peale, on July 4, from K mart 3384, Kanner, LA. She lived in Metairie.
Jacqueline Petty, on June 24, from K mart 4259, Fort Worth, TX. She lived in Fort Worth.
Ronald V. Reed, on June 27, from K mart 7409, Topeka, KA. He lived in Topeka.
Erma V. Richardson, on July 18, from Kmart 485, Adrian, MI. She lived in Adrian.
Rennie R. Roberts, on June 6, from K mart 4011, Fresno, CA. She lived in Fresno.
Sedrick Robinson, on June 9, from K mart 7406, Matthews, NC. He lived in Charlotte.
Elnora Sommer, on July 3, from Jupiter 4612, Freeport, IL. She lived in Freeport.
Mary Shacklette, on June 6, from Kmart 56, (closed), Louisville, KY. She lived in Louisville.
Garret S. Stickrath, on May 18, from Kmart 377, Zanesville, OH. She lived in Zanesville.
Robert Wages, on July 22, from K mart 7283, Torrington, CT. He lived in Torrington.
Michael E. Wichmann, on June 1, from K mart 4458, Raleigh, NC. He lived in Apex.
Clifford C. Allen, on July 31, from Kmart 377, Zanesville, OH. He lived in Carl Junction, MO.
Doris O. Austinson, on August 14, from Kmart 231, (closed). She lived in Fargo, ND.
Irene M. Branden, on August 4, from K mart 4475, Gadsden, AL. She lived in Gadsden.
Allie H. Chadwick, on August 30, from Kmart 496, (closed). She lived in Keokuk, IA.
Josie M. Clark, on April 24, from Kmart 164, (closed). She lived in Canton, IL.
Eleanor Clapsen, on August 6, from K mart 3187, Langhorne, PA. She lived in Fairless Hills.
Mildred Cousins, on July 13, from Kmart 95, (closed). She lived in Burlington, IO.
Susan P. Dunavin, on August 14, from K mart 3129, Rensselaer, NY. She lived in Loudonville.
Lina Karla Ellacott, on June 18, from K mart 4283, Jacksonville, FL. She lived in Des Moines, IA.
Robert Fetherston, on August 8, from K mart 4270, St. Louis, MO. He lived in Cave Court.
Lucy J. Fields, on June 9, from Kmart 1, Detroit, MI. She lived in Lincoln Park.
Janice Brown Futral, on August 4, from GEO Dist. Center, Newman, GA. She lived in Newman.
Terry L. Hall, on July 30, from COR Dist. Center, Corsicana, TX. He lived in Frost.
Shirley Hayward, on April 30, from K mart 4299, Houston, TX. She lived in Houston.
Mazie Hinton, on August 29, from Kmart 636, (closed). She lived in Chillicothe, OH.
Antoinette Ippolito, on August 18, from Kmart 563, Richmond Hill, NY. She lived in Richmond Hill.
Ethel Frances Isley, on August 23, from Kmart 104, (closed). She lived in Sparta, MI.
Mary Lopacovich, on August 14, from Jupiter 4654, Dunkirk, NY. She lived in Dunkirk.
Ruth Lowes, on August 7, from Kmart 13, (now closed) Puntiac, MI. She lived in Goodrich.
Caderon Al Luna, on July 14, from Store No. 1501, Bayamon, P.R. He lived in Jardines De Caparra.
Paul Allen MacDonald, on September 2, from K mart 4038, Saginaw, MI. He lived in Saginaw.
Eleanora MacDowell, on August 18, from Kmart 247, Hamden, Conn. (closed). She lived in Hamden.
Raymond McGill, on August 30, from SDC, Sparks, NV. He lived in Reno.
Charles Miller, on July 31, from KIH, Troy, MI. He lived in Grosse Pointe Park.
Betsy J. Molnar, on August 15, from K mart 2562, Euclid, OH. She lived in Euclid.
Margaret A. Monahan, on March 17, from K mart 7269, Westfield, MA. She lived in Plainville.
Ruby E. Moran, on September 1, from Kmart 548, (closed). She lived in Washington, DC.
Roberta Morgan, on August 6, from CDC, Plymouth, MI. She lived in Livonia.
D. Lloyd Myers, Jr., on August 20, from K mart 4244, Knoxville, TN. He lived in Knoxville.
Earl W. Neiswender, on August 20, from K mart 7075, Shamokin Dam, PA. He lived in Sunbury.
William A. Opitz, on August 23, Kmart 391, Charleston, WV. He lived in Ormond Beach, FL.
Barbara Pascoe, on August 18, from K mart 3006, Marquette, MI. She lived in Marquette.
Alfred C. Reese, on June 28, from K mart 7121, Cottage Grove, MN. He lived in Cottage Grove.
Joseph Rose, on August 18, from Kmart 30, (closed). He lived in Paterson, NJ.
Helem M. Skelly, on August 2, from K mart 3338, Gahanna, OH. She lived in Columbus.
Carolyn F. Stacco, on July 15, from K mart 7134, Cortland, NY. She lived in Dryden.
Delores Stark, on July 1, from Kmart 71, Des Moines, IA. She lived in Des Moines.
Glenn J. Turner, on August 19, from SDC, Sparks, NV. He lived in Sparks.
Gordon Venzian, on July 30, from K mart 4452, Los Angeles, CA. He lived in West Covina.

People do notice

Good work at the Troy office

I'd like to pass along a few personal thoughts of mine in reference to some people at the Troy office.

As a merchandise manager I've had quite a few occasions to use the toll free numbers for MOPS and Scanner Support and also ARMS. These people have been of great help to me and K mart 4215., Kansas City, Kansas in securing answers to questions and usually solutions to problems we've run up against.

I hope these avenues for verbal communication with Troy are as beneficial for you as I feel they have been for us at 4215.

I've had occasions to speak with Reneva Jackson on scanner, Wilma Williams of MOPS, Faith Riddle, Karen Azarovitz, Janet Sink and some others. Although I've only met them via telephone, I'd like to hope they keep up the good work. — T.E. Lundquist, Merchandise Manager, K mart 4215, Kansas City, Kansas.

"We really like your store"

I really enjoy your store (K mart 4345, Tinley Park, IL.) and I bought a gift for my friend and she liked it. I wish I can work there when I grow up. My mom thinks that you have a really good selection on all the items. We really like your store.

Yours truly,
Jenny Miller

Christmas rope (cont'd.)

double crochet and single crochet in next double crochet. Repeat around wreath to end. Fasten off. Weave different color yarn between double crochets in wreath and tie in bow.

ASSEMBLY

Attach four wreaths evenly along braided rope. Tie a candy cane with a small piece of yarn between each wreath.

NOTE

If you don't crochet, any small Christmas package tie-on may be used in place of the wreaths.

A delicious centerpiece

K mart 7211, Radcliff, Kentucky — Donna Vickers, makes a bread centerpiece to place in the middle of her table as a different holiday decoration.

Items needed: loaf of frozen bread, clear shellac, paint brush, wicker basket, cloth dinner napkin, about 1½ yards of 1" wide ribbon, 2 flowers, baking pan of your choice (a round 9" pyrex dish or regular bread pan may be used. If you want a centerpiece for a basket size 10"x13" round or smaller, use ½ loaf of bread.

Follow directions to prepare bread. If you bake it a little darker, it makes a prettier centerpiece, but be careful not to burn it.

Let loaf cool completely after baking. Shellac every crack and crevice of the bread. Let dry and put a second coat on.

When loaf is completely dry, put it in the cloth napkin and place it in the basket. Make a bow on top with the ribbon and carefully stick flowers in each direction of the bow.

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